



COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

January 13, 2015

Dear Educators,

The Dutchess County Department of Health is launching their 2015 **[“Be Tick Free!”](#)** Poster Contest for 5th and 6th grade students to teach others how to prevent tick-borne diseases. Students are asked to create a poster showing people how to protect themselves from being bitten and help further spread the message about protection.

In 2014, the "Be Tick Free!" Poster Contest Award was presented to Nathan Ogden (5th grade - Faith Christian Academy) and Tegan Moeller (6th grade - Hudson Valley Girl Scouts). Both students were honored at an **award presentation at the Roosevelt Farm Lane Trailhead.**

The **“Be Tick Free!”** Poster Contest is open to all Dutchess County 5th and 6th graders from January 13 to March 13, 2015. Please see the enclosed poster, contest rules, and entry form for further details about the contest. Materials are also available on the Dutchess County **[“Be Tick Free!” website](#)**,* which also features students' artwork from previous contests.

We encourage you to involve your students in this educational and creative contest. Please share this information with your 5th and 6th grade teachers, especially Science, Health, and Art teachers.

Thank you,

Kari Reiber, MD
Commissioner of Health



**“Be Tick Free!”
Poster Contest
QR Code**

* **<http://dutchessny.gov/CountyGov/Departments/Health/18160.htm#BeTickFreePosterContest>**